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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Lutz BIEDERMANN et al.

Serial No.: 10/763,431

Filing Date: January 22, 2004

For: BONE SCREW

Examiner: David Owen Reip

Group Art Unit: 3731

FURTHER STATUS INQUIRY

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

On April 5, 2005, applicants filed a Status Inquiry for this application. To date the Office has failed to respond to this Inquiry, so applicants are renewing the Status Inquiry and respectfully requesting the Office to advise when the undersigned attorney of record might expect to receive an Action on the merits of this application and a response to applicants' request for an interference with application Serial No. 10/091,068, which applicants filed more than thirteen months ago, on July 9, 2004. Thereafter, applicants have since filed information disclosure statements on July 19 and October 5, 2004, and on June 24, 2005.

Applicants look forward to taking whatever steps the Examiner deems necessary to expedite consideration of this application. If there is anything the undersigned can do to expedite the prosecution of the application, the Examiner should telephone him at the telephone number given below.

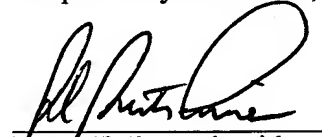
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Respectfully submitted,

Dated: August 26, 2005

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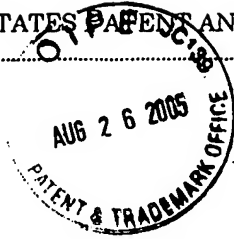


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Filed: March 5, 2002
Title: Biased Angulation Bone Fixation
Assembly

NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL
FROM ISSUE
UNDER 37 CFR 1.313

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue before payment of the issue fee due to unpatentability of one or more claims. See 37 CFR 1.313.

The above-identified application is hereby withdrawn from issue.

PTO records reveal that the issue fee has not been paid. If the fee has been submitted, the applicant may request a refund or may request that the fee be credited to a deposit account. However, applicant may wait until the application is either again found allowable or held abandoned. If the application is allowed, upon receipt of a new Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, applicant may request that the previously submitted issue fee be applied toward payment of the issue fee in the amount identified on the new Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due. If the application is abandoned, applicant may request either a refund or a credit to a deposit account.

The application is being forwarded to the Examiner for action.

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